

Salem, if possible & agreeable. W. L. G. P.
& shall seek to do my duty of duty
& comply with calls for preaching. See to own
your renewed pastoral labors.

Truly yours,
Richard W. Dickinson

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to effect it. The wealth, not a little of it
have earned, is with them. An effort
is to be made tomorrow before the Con-
society meet in Plymouth, to get a decision. Many
reasons make it probable that I shall soon
be at liberty to enter another field of labor,
even if the Con-association do not tomorrow
release me. As I stand a fall on this sub-
ject here, so many others ^{in the Co.} may. Therefore
I have stood thus long. The Con-association
must now take ground. I see not how
they can evade it, or take the wrong side.
Now, however, I see my way clear & clean.

I have been foolish - unexpectedly.
The primary inducement to troubling
you with any communication was to ask,
Will you point to me a location? Acquain-
ted with all portions of Mass., as you are;
perhaps no one else do better for that ^{purpose}
wherever I go, I must go an un-yoked, un-burdened, ^{un-ruled} abolitionist.
them you. Do you know any thing of Lee? That
had been mentioned to me. Should Provi-
dence allot me a station near my native city

declining to dismiss the member
(his big offence being his secretaryship
of the Co. A. S. society,) many members
withdrew. Another meeting was had,
and passed good W. S. Resolutions, with
a vote of reference, as to the ques. of dis-
mission, to the Com. Association. & in the sound
souls, the heart of the Ch., are with us;
but the separatists from the Soc. being
still in the Ch., and, it being as it is, con-
trolling it, the Ch. (technically) refused to con-
cur in the reference. (I was settled on the
3 mos. notice principle, and when the effort
was made to induce me to ask from the
Society a dismission, declined doing it
because sought by those who denied a pastor's
right of selecting his subjects in sermons,
and ^{who refused} declined taking issue on that question.)
They who oppose the reference are those who
wish me gone, and have been and are, in
every other way, moving heaven and earth

Rev. Richard M. Chipman

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I have now to pen you but a word, & great struggle had been maintained by the friends of freedom ever since '35. Threat breathing murder have, however, not, eventuated but few being heard. The pulpit had not been quite faithless; altho', except to the pastor, all anti-slavery access to it had been denied. His house had been assailed by excited man-shated & keen uncharitably voices, discharging arms into it' at defenceless women there with others met for prayer, while bells rung, and drums beat and hills ten miles distant caught the sound. The opposition last fall took another form. A society meeting was had, and